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FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF CLOVES CARDAMOM AND ARECA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cardamom, cloves and areca are being smuggled into India;

(b) if so, the total quantity of each of these items seized during the last two years, port-wise; and

(c) the preventive steps taken to stop smuggling of these items into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The quantity of smuggled Cardamom, cloves and areca (betel nuts) seized by the field formations of Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (D.R.I.) during years 1998-99, 1999-2000and 2000- 2001 (upto February, 2001), port-wise, is indicated in the Annexure.

(c): All the field formations of Customs Department including D.R.I. are vigilant and alert to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods including cardamom, cloves and areca.

ANNEXURE

QUANTITIES OF CARDAMOM, CLOVES AND ARECA SEIZED DURINGYEARS1998-99, 1999-2000 AND 2000-2001 (UPTO FEBRUARY, 2001), PORT-WISE

(A) CARDAMOM: NIL

(B) CLOVES:

S.NO. Name of the Port Quantity seized (in Kgs.)

1989-99 99-2000 2000-2001
(Upto February, 2001)

1. Tuticorin 31,560

(C) ARECA (BETELNUTS):

S.NO. Name of the Port Quantity seized (in Kgs.)

1989-99 1999-2000 2000-2001
(Upt February, 2001)

1. Chennai Port 7,14,000

2.	Tuticorin Port	39,243

Note: Except as mentioned above, no seizures of Cardamom, Cloves and Areca (betelnuts) have been effected at any other ports.